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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM FROM CAMBODIANS

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1. CAMBODIAN EMB HAS PROVIDED FURTHER INFO RE THEIR REQUEST FOR ASYLUM.

2. ALL CAMBODIANS HAVE NOW DECIDED THAT THEY WISH TO RELOCATE IN THE US. ONLY PERSON EXPRESSING A SECOND PREF IS AMB VUTTHI, WHOSE WIFE IS OF FRENCH ORIGIN (BORN SAIGON) AND WHO IF APPROPRIATE JOB OPPORTUNITY IN US IS NOT AVAILABLE, WOULD CONSIDER FRANCE AS POSSIBLE RELOCATION SITE. VUTTHI WISHES EMPLOYMENT IN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. MINISTER COUNSELOR KY BENG HON IS ONLY MEMBER OF GROUP WITH FAMILY CONNECTION IN US: KIM CHAN TARIT, UNCLE, WHO RESIDES IN VIRGINIA, NEAR WASHINGTON, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HON SAYS HIS UNCLE IS KNOWN TO DEPT CAMBODIAN DESK OFFICERS.

3. AS STATED REFTEL CAMBODIANS CAN SUBSIST FOR ABOUT A MONTH ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES. AT LEAST TWO OF THE FIVE STAFF MEMBERS MIGHT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE US, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF THE CAMBODIANS CAN OBTAIN PERMISSION TO SELL THEIR AUTOMOBILES LOCALLY. WHILE NONE OF THEIR VEHICLES HAVE BEEN IN COLOMBIA LONG ENOUGH TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PRIVILEGE,EMBASSY INTENDS TO REQUEST AN EXCEPTION FROM FONOFF. IF FONOFF AGREEABLE, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WOULD APPEAR
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TO BE HELP IN FINDING JOBS AND LODGING, AND PERHAPS SOME INITIAL

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SUBSISTENCE.

4. PENDING EMB'S RECEIPT OF 2 FAM 227 FOL BIODATA IS SUBMITTED:

A. AMBASSADOR THOUTCH VUTTHI, BORN MAY 23, 1930; WIFE: MRS. VUTTHI (NEE HELENE ANTONINI). AMB HAS ONE DOG HE WISHES ACCOMPANY HIM.

B. MINISTER COUNSELOR KY BENG HON, BORN NOVEMBER 11, 1939; WIFE: SONN MORINA, BORN JUNE 2, 1948; DAUGHTER: KY CHANDRA PUTRI, BORN MARCH 9, 1970; COUSIN: MISS SUY HARA, BORN JUNE 14, 1959.

C. SECOND SECRETARY MR. CHEA BOUN YOEUN, BORN JULY 14, 1936; WIFE: VONG KANTIMA, BORN MARCH 1, 1951; DAUGHTER CHEA BOUN SOPHIE, SEVEN YEARS OLD; SON CHEA BOUN KANTIBOTT, SIX YEARS OLD; DAUGHTER CHEA BOUN RATHMOUNI, TWO YEARS OLD; NIECE SOK KIMLU, SIXTEEN YEARS OLD.

D. MR. KOUNG HENG, BORN JAN 5, 1940; WIFE: KOUNG HENG, BORN 1940; SON KOUNG WUDDHYRET, BORN JULY 2, 1961; DAUGHTER KOUNG HENG DEWI, BORN OCT 3, 1967; SON KOUNG RATANA, BORN SEPT 22, 1969; SON KOUNG WONGSEDHA, BORN JAN 22, 1973.

E. MR. CHAU SUON, BORN JAN 3, 1922; WIFE: MRS. CHAU SUON;SON CHAU BOUN SAMBO, 23 YEARS OLD; DAUGHTER CHAU VANNAK, SIXTEEN YEARS OLD; DAUGHTER CHAU SUNARY, 14 YEARS OLD; DAUGHTER CHAU VANDY, 7 YEARS OLD.
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